

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

### **Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 13 (Currently Amended)** An ink jet recording paper having a high ink coloring density and a high ink absorption speed, said paper ~~comprising from~~ consisting essentially of 10 to 100% by weight of mercerized pulp based on an entire fiber material and 90 to 0% by weight of paper making pulp, having a liquid transfer length as defined in J. Tappi No. 51-87 of 100mm or less, when distilled water has been set at 50 $\mu$ L in a head box of 1mm slit width and 15mm slit length and the moving speed of a test specimen has been set to 5.0mm/sec.

**Claim 14 (Previously Presented)** The ink jet recording paper according to claim 13 wherein said paper has a coating which does not exceed the liquid transfer length of 100mm.

**Claim 15 (Previously Presented)** The ink jet recording paper according to claim 13 wherein said paper making pulp is selected from the group consisting of hardwood unbleached kraft pulp, hardwood bleached kraft pulp, softwood unbleached kraft pulp, softwood bleached kraft pulp, softwood bleached sulfite pulp, thermomechanical pulp, linen pulp, bamboo pulp, straw pulp, kenaf pulp and a mixture of them.